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SUBJECT: MOROCCAN PARLIAMENTARY VISIT

1. SPEAKER O'NEILL HAS AGREED TO INVITE A MOROCCAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION TO MEET WITH MEMBERS OF CONGRESS. THE TEXT OF A LETTER THE DEPARTMENT WILL SUBMIT FOR O'NEILL'S CONSIDERATION FOLLOWS. YOUR COMMENTS ON ITS CONTENTS ARE INVITED. IN SUGGESTING CHANGES, PLEASE BEAR IN MIND THAT WE WANT TO MAKE CLEAR TO MOROCCANS FROM THE OUTSET THAT U.S. GOVERNMENT IS ASSUMING NO OBLIGATIONS REGARDING THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROPOSED VISIT OTHER THAN TO ARRANGE FOR A MEETING AT THE CAPITOL WITH MEMBERS OF THE U.S. CONGRESS. IF YOU BELIEVE MOROCCAN EXPECTATIONS ARE MUCH GREATER, AND THAT THEIR DISAPPOINTMENT WOULD UNDERCUT BENEFITS TO U.S. OF PROPOSED VISIT, WE WOULD PREFER TO ABORT PROPOSAL AT THIS STAGE.

2. BEGIN SUGGESTED TEXT: DEAR MR. SPEAKER: ON BEHALF OF

THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, I TAKE PLEASURE IN INVITING THE MOROCCAN PARLIAMENT TO SEND A DELEGATION OF ITS MEMBERS TO MEET WITH SOME OF MY COLLEAGUES AND ME. WE HAVE BEEN DELIGHTED TO LEARN OF THE RECONSTITUTION OF YOUR ASSEMBLY. AS WE BEGIN THE THIRD CENTURY OF PEACEFUL COOPERATIVE RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS, IT IS AN APPROPRIATE TIME FOR MOROCCAN AND AMERICAN

LEGISLATORS TO EXPAND THE DIALOGUE INITIATED DURING RECENT VISITS TO RABAT BY MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS.

3. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT YOUR PARLIAMENT WILL COMPLETE ITS PRESENT SESSION IN JULY. WE EXPECT TO RETURN FROM A BRIEF RECESS ON JULY 10. I SUGGEST WE SELECT A DAY LATER IN JULY FOR A DELEGATION OF YOUR MEMBERS TO MEET WITH US AT THE CAPITOL. IF YOU FIND THIS PROPOSAL AGREEABLE, PLEASE ADVISE AMBASSADOR ANDERSON OF THE DATE YOU PREFER TO MEET, AND EVENTUALLY OF YOUR DELEGATION'S TRAVEL PLANS, SO THAT ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE TO GREET THE DELEGATION ON ITS ARRIVAL IN WASHINGTON. VANCE

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